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TEXAS MAKES A GOAL Texas reached her allotted quota of $3,500 toward the Library Development Fund on February 26, 1946. Her record on April 1 was as follows:

A. L. A. Membership	No. of Contributors	% of Goal Reached
377	483	116

Much of the credit for Texas's record goes to Miss Julia Grothaus, Texas Director of the Library Development Fund, who did a pluperfect job of organizing and publicizing the campaign.

To provide for an American Library Association representative in Washington, D. C., the Library Development Fund Committee was charged in 1944 with the responsibility of raising $105,000 for a four-year program.

By October 1, 1945, sufficient funds had been raised to send Paul Howard to Washington as the Director of the National Relations Office.

As of March 18, 1946, $83,000 of the goal had been attained, with contributors to the fund numbering 8,000.

Any A. L. A. member who has not yet contributed to the Library Development Fund may send a check to A. L. A. headquarters. Your contribution will be credited to your State. The State totals and grand total will be announced during the A. L. A. conference in Buffalo, June 16-22, at which time the campaign will end.

FREE FOR TRANSPORTATION The State Archivist, Miss Harriet Smither, has some pictures of historic interest to give away, the postage to be paid by the recipients.

Subject	Size	Number
"Old Ironsides"	19"x 22¾"	About 190
"Surrender of Santa Anna"	18½"x 24½"	About 185

"Old Ironsides" is reproduced in color from the original painting by Gordon Grant, and the "Surrender of Santa Anna" is in black and white, with the names of those present when Santa Anna was brought before General Sam Houston.

Requests should be directed to Miss Harriet Smither, Archivist, Texas State Library, State Capitol, Austin, Texas.

"THE SHOEMAKER'S WIFE" "Who is worse shod than the shoemaker's wife?" Thus ends an arresting article by Jean Phyllis Black in the ALA Bulletin, May, 1946, deploring the lack of library service for librarians in the particular subject field of their own professional literature.

"Like any other group, librarians need to be enticed into keeping themselves effective. Since so many work either in isolation or on small staffs, all the skill which is employed in the best libraries to attract readers to worthwhile literature should be used by the professional associations and publications to stimulate professional reading by librarians.

"Yet, if the desire to enrich themselves professionally were acute, how many librarians would have access to appropriate literature -- not the tools of that particular branch of our profession which one is at the moment

practicing, but the full body of literature from which understanding derives? There should be at least one comprehensive collection from which librarians of all kinds wherever located might borrow, not as a favor, but as a right, and under such conditions that they might read in peace and comfort.....

"In short, librarians are failing to do for themselves what they so valiantly try to do for others; persuade them that conscious growth is possible and rewarding, attract them to undertake the venture, and have available the means for carrying it on."

The Texas State Library is endeavoring to build the type of comprehensive loan collection Miss Black rightly feels is so desirable. May there be no "shoemakers' wives" among Texas librarians!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE RECORDINGS — Miss Florence W. Newsome is making a study at Columbia University on the use of foreign language recordings in public libraries in the United States. If your library has such a collection, the State Library would like to know about it also. We shall forward to Miss Newsome any information received.

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OUTSTANDING BOOKS OF 1945 — The American Library Association has selected 50 books as the "most outstanding books of 1945." They were chosen as "most worthy of the attention of the present-day reader, though not necessarily of permanent value."

The books are available for loan from the Texas State Library.

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Barzun. Teacher in America
Bowers. The Young Jefferson, 1743-1789
Bromfield. Pleasant Valley
Caruso. Enrico Caruso, His Life and Death
Costain. The Black Rose
Dickinson. Bolts of Melody
Debie. A Texan in England
Du Bois. Color and Democracy
Eskelund. My Chinese Wife
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Hobart. The Peacock Sheds His Tail
James. The Cherokee Strip
Langley. A Lion Is in the Streets
Lattimore. Solution in Asia
Lauterbach. These Are the Russians
Lewis. Cass Timberlane
MacDonald. The Egg and I
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The claimant should present evidence that it is authorized by law to extend and improve community library services of a general nature within the area served or to be served. The claimant should also present specific plans for the effective utilization of the unit libraries in the public interest.

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You're one of the millions whose lives are already richer because of public libraries? Then *you* know what they bring to you and your children. Help the other fellow over that fence by writing to your Congressman today in support of the Hill-Douglas Bill. Let's remember the American tradition of the equal chance! Do more than remember it! Ask your Congressman to vote for S.1920 and H.R.5742.

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